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In Response to the Written Opinion Dated March 11, 2005 the Following is Provided:

As the Examiner has objected to lacking inventive step applicant desires to discuss the inventiveness of the currently pending claims before narrowing the claims.

The intention of the present invention is to provide some kind of "universal" RFID tag, which enables the user to gather information for services he has or is subscribed to. For this purpose an RFID tag does not explicitly identify a product or service a user is interested in, as clearly described in D1.

The idea behind the present invention is, that the RFID tag itself is identified and through databases in the network the available services and products related to this RFID tag are identified. Further, the user identification is needed in order to check which service shall be made available to the user. For example an RFID tag about town specific information is placed in the center of a town. The RFID tag alone contains only information about its

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identity, this information is read out and submitted to a service center along with the user identification. The service center identifies the services related to the RFID tag with the RFID tag's ID code and further checks for which services the user has subscribed.

If e.g. a user has subscribed for cinema information only, he will finally receive information about all movies presented in the cinemas of the town during the coming couple of weeks. Another user who has subscribed for restaurant service will be provided with restaurant information, including menus and prices.

Applicants believe that D1 does not show such kind of system at all and also the citations D2 and D3 do not appear to use RFID tag and user information for providing services in such a way.

The present independent claims already contain the basic technical elements for such kind of RFID tag based service provisioning and as the Examiner acknowledges novelty of these claims is established.

A favourable report which confirms an inventive step is kindly requested.



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